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Despite the fact that many team members have lost their homes and have been devastated by the destruction of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Total Force Authorizations and Requirements System (TFARS) is on track for implementation in late April.

SSC New Orleans personnel have been working diligently with the Navy Manpower Analysis Center (NAVMAC) since June 2003 to produce a quality product that will move the Department of the Navy (DON) to a real-time position based manpower management system in support of the Sea Warrior initiative. TFARS will provide job and position management, competency management as well as organizational management capabilities.

It will enable the DON to maximize their Human Capital by providing a means to track both funded and unfunded positions for active and reserve military personnel as well as civilians, contractors, and any other resources. This will assist in the confirmation of POM (Program Objective Memorandum) and budget requests thus assuring the Navy's billet base supports the Navy's operational requirements and quality of life initiatives.

After Hurricane Katrina passed through the Gulf Coast, the TFARS unclassified development, test, and beta environments were retrieved and moved to Fort Worth, Texas. The classified environment and the development team was moved to Millington, Tennessee. To leverage economies of scale, the TFARS unclassified

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you'd like to submit for consider-
ation in the newsletter please send
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Flynn Promoted to Rear Admiral

SPAWAR Vice Commander, Tim V. Flynn, has been promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral. A small ceremony was held in his honor on February 1 at SPAWAR Headquarters in San Diego. RADM Will Rodriquez, Acting SPAWAR Commander and Chief Engineer, and Mrs. Flynn participated in the pinning of his stars.

RADM Flynn, a New Orleans native, recently visited the Big Easy as he presented the SSC New Orleans' own Janet Knauer with the SPAWARRIOR of the Quarter award for the entire SPAWAR Claimancy and toured the facilities and surrounding areas.

He will continue his duties as SPAWAR Vice Commander where he is responsible for the development, acquisition, and life cycle management of command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (C4ISR) systems for the Navy, as well as select Marine Corps and joint service programs.

He is a 1979 graduate of the United States Naval Academy where he earned a bachelor of science degree in Marine Engineering. The next year, he completed his nuclear propulsion plant operator training. He later earned a master of science degree in National Security Affairs (Technical Intelligence) and Mechanical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School.

His sea assignments include serving as Damage Control Assistant in *USS Truxtun* (CGN 35), First Lieutenant and Reactor Training Assistant in *USS Arkansas* (CGN 41), Operations Officer in *USS Paul F. Foster* (DD 964), Chief Engineer in *USS Texas* (CGN 39), and Chief Engineer in *USS Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75). He qualified as Surface Warfare Officer and was designated as "Qualified for Command at Sea." He became an Engineering Duty Officer in 1992.

His shore assignments include Special Projects Officer at Joint Task Force Five; Assistant Project Officer for New Construction Aircraft Carriers at Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, Newport News, Virginia; Assistant Program Manager for In-Service Carriers, including Smart Carrier, at Aircraft Carrier Program Office (PMS 312) at Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C.; and Director of Shore C4ISR Installations; followed by Executive Assistant at SPAWAR. He then assumed command of Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, San Diego, in May 2002.



Mandatory Antiterrorism Training

All military, civilian, and contractor employees of SSC New Orleans are required to complete annual Antiterrorism Level 1 Awareness Training. This year's training is found on the web and can be accessed from both work and home. This training must be completed by **Tuesday, February 28, 2006**.

Below are the instructions for accessing the training:

- Using your Internet browser enter the following link <https://atlevel1.dtic.mil/at/>
- Click on "Create a new training session".
- Establish your account by entering the requested information. Select "Northern Command (US)" in response to "Region".
- Click on "Sign In".
- Select your appropriate employment status.
- At Training Menu, select "Begin the Training"

Once training is completed and you have filled out the survey, you will have the opportunity to print and/or e-mail a certificate. Please print the certificate for your records and e-mail a copy to Ernie Mitchell at ernest.mitchell@navy.mil.

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Mingo Earns FCW Federal 100 Top Executives

SSC New Orleans Commanding Officer, Capt. Fred Mingo, has the honor of being one of Federal Computer Week magazine's Top 100 Federal Executives for 2005. Mingo was chosen out of thousands of nominations by an independent panel of his peers for the pivotal role he has played in the federal information technology community over the past year.

The award is given to top executives from government, industry, and academia that have had the greatest impact on the government information systems community in 2005. The winners are individuals who have gone above and beyond their daily responsibility as they bring uncommon dedication and a unique vision to their positions.

Mingo will be featured in the March 20th issue of Federal Computer Week magazine. He will then be honored at a gala held March 20th at the Ritz-Carlton in McLean, Virginia at which time one government official and one industry executive will receive the prestigious Eagle award in recognition of their extraordinary contributions to the federal IT community.



Help Available

George Frilot, an SSC New Orleans employee and Catholic Deacon, would like to be of assistance to any member of the SSC New Orleans workforce who just needs to talk and have someone listen. George is currently working out of Trailer #8 on the SSC NOLA grounds, but he is also available at (504) 697-1065.

Accessing the SSC NOLA Facilities

All requests for visitor access to the SSC New Orleans facility must be coordinated in advance with the Security Department.

Please do not contact the gate guards directly. Email your request to both Keith Wheelock (Keith.Wheelock@navy.mil) and Ernest Mitchell (Ernest.Mitchell@navy.mil).

Your e-mail must contain the following information:

- P Identify if he/she is a temporary visitor or someone needing to be added to the Permanent Access List.
- P Visitor(s) First Name and Last Name (No Nicknames, Names are compared to their ID)
- P Visitor(s) Employer, Affiliation, or Command
- P Date(s) of Arrival/Departure - duration of visit must be stated
- P Approximate time of arrival and time of departure
- P Point of Contact (POC) for visitor. The POC's work extension and cell phone number if available. If possible, a second POC is recommended. POC must be an SSC New Orleans employee
- P Area/Location where visitor will be going

SSC NOLA Building Restoration

By Maria LoVasco Tolleson, SSC NOLA Public Affairs Officer



(left) In 2-1 the ceiling is sealed to prevent recontamination after remediation.

(right) Materials and equipment are moved into place to begin the re-tarring of the damaged SSC NOLA building roofs.



(left) Belfor, Inc., providing the remediation and restoration services, hangs its banner from the corner of Bldg. 3.

(right) Belfor contractors decontaminate each floor according to a priority schedule. As of 1 February all of the furniture and contents have been removed from each floor and decontamination and sanitizing efforts have begun.



Tink and Green Awarded SPAWARRIOR of the Fourth Quarter

LT Lois Tink and Dwayne Green have been awarded the SPAWARRIOR of the Quarter for the 4th Quarter of 2005 for their exemplary efforts to safeguard the SSC New Orleans assets and information systems despite the many obstacles, dangers, challenges, and personal sacrifices resulting from the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Their efforts were instrumental in the implementation of the SSC New Orleans Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) enabling the command to continue providing mission-critical support to the Navy. Through their leadership, professionalism, and dedication, the SSC New Orleans was able to render manpower and personnel systems fully operational in less than 30 days from Hurricane Katrina's passage.

Tink heads the Infrastructure Engineering Branch. Prior to the hurricane's landfall, she coordinated the transfer of all required equipment to the COOP site in Ft. Worth, Texas for the Customer Support Center services and computer operations services. Under her leadership the NAVRESNET was quickly re-established, and supported systems were brought online with no degradation in service.

She was among the first employees to return to the facility after the hurricane's landfall, flying by helicopter at her own initiative to an area that had been severely compromised to assist in the removal of hundreds of servers and computers in dangerous conditions. Tink will be featured in next month's spotlight section of the newsletter.

Green works in the Network Security Office of the SSC New Orleans Security Division. His efforts enabled the successful stand-up of several systems to include those that had no failover capability requirement. Through his efforts the entire suite of systems residing on the legacy network was flawlessly re-established and brought online in Fort Worth, Texas. Because of his dedication and superior skills his actions resulted in minimal system impact and user downtime for several major Navy manpower and personnel applications. He was also among the first to return to work at the damaged facilities in New Orleans where he assisted in the removal of hundreds of vital computers and servers under hazardous conditions. Green's heroic efforts were spotlighted in the New Directions Hurricane Katrina Update, Vol. 2 edition.

Both Tink and Green have been instrumental in the recovery and reconstitution efforts for the SSC New Orleans Computer Operations Center.

Lightning Bolt Winners SSC NOLA Security team

The SSC New Orleans Information Assurance and Network security teams were named as part of the Code 08 effort which earned a SPAWAR Lightning Bolt Award. Karon Franks, Michael Hagan, Zina Flemings, ITC Christopher Pote, Dwayne Green, Lionel Cannon, Betsy Green, Christopher LaFrance, Todd Olsen, and Lucy Colangione were instrumental in assisting SPAWAR in achieving a claimancy-wide security stand-down.

The team was responsible for ensuring that management, systems administrators, and end users had completed all preparatory requirements before November 29. With only two weeks notification, they had to educate both leadership and the employees to understand the urgent nature of these crucial activities, and generate command-wide motivation to help.

Accomplishing the goals of the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of the Navy (DON) network security mandates required an unprecedented amount of coordination and synchronized action across the entire SPAWAR claimancy.

Their dedicated efforts allowed them to achieve full compliance with the current mandates. The SPAWAR security team was recognized for their outstanding accomplishment, professionalism, and dedication to duty.

TFARS on Track (continued)

production environment was originally going to be deployed in the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS) production environment. After Hurricane Katrina's landfall, the NSIPS production environment was moved to Millington, Tennessee and no longer had room to house TFARS.

Suddenly, the TFARS team was faced with finding a new production environment. Facing this unexpected challenge, the TFARS infrastructure team quickly went to work designing and implementing a new unclassified production environment from the equipment used in the beta testing environment.

Having already completed the Requirements documentation, the PeopleSoft Fit/Gap Analysis, the application design, the COTS (commercial-off-the-shelf) Configuration, the development of functionality not provided by PeopleSoft, system testing, and beta testing, the TFARS team is still working long hours to guarantee the delivery of a quality product while at the same time struggling to get their lives back in order. Their dedication to the TFARS system and their customers has been outstanding.

Once implemented, TFARS will support over 20,000 users at 600 Navy activities. It is the foundation of the Navy's Sea Warrior initiative. TFARS will be the single authoritative source for activity and manpower data. It will inter-

act with other manning and distribution systems to provide the most accurate position and job data thus assuring personnel readiness and becoming the key tool to transform the Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education (MPT&E).

The TFARS team is looking forward to returning to New Orleans once the program is implemented and the facilities are ready for them. The environment they so quickly worked to design and implement will then be used as future Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) servers.

The government TFARS team includes Project Manager Ray Terminie, Technical Director Jodi Ketry, Kathy McCrossen, Matt Gomez, Bud Gobbel, Dave Tatum, Jim Reuter, Barbara LeClercq, Terry Claverie, Jeff Moseley, Patrick O'Brien, Dean Herrick, Hellen Pounds and Martrenia Hawkins.

Contractors on the project include Elisha Young, Al Richardson, Brian Stewart, Jeffrey Wareham, Sean Peden, Garrett Majoue, Donald Murphy, Jerry Isbell, Robert Wegmann, Harry Schuette, Virgie Vegh, Denise Forbes, Andre Roques, Mahesh Koneru, Dr Li Liang, Peter Reed, Chris Jackson, Tony Xa, John Rome, Mary Encalarde, Daphne Swanier, Pamela Smith, Mary Ann Louviere, Terrance Gaspard, Daniel Skelton, Kenneth Lawrence, Joaneane Smith, Richard Theoret, Craig Kennedy, John Halby, Richard Sandoz, Philip Brammer, Mike Reilly, Brian Thomas, Randal Ott, Glenell Aucoin, and Tracy Scott.

Important Numbers and Web Sites

- q Navy Global Distance Support Center (to update your location and contact information), 1-877-418-6824, Option 2 or www.anchordesk.navy.mil
- q BUPERS 24-hour Helpline, 1-877-414-5358
- q Safe Haven Orders, 1-866-239-0303
- q 24-hour Support Hotline, 1-800-677-5327
- q SSC NOLA Executive Officer, 1-850-452-5810
- q Per Diem Rates <https://secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/perdiemrates.html>
- q FEMA, 1-800-621-3362 or www.fema.gov
- q Red Cross, www.redcross.org
- q DOD Civilian Personnel Management Service: Hurricane Information for DOD Civilian Employees and Annuitants, <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/hurricaneinfo/index.htm>
- q Civilian Employee Assistance Program, 1-800-677-LEAP
- q Federal Tax Relief, www.irs.gov, select "help for hurricane victims"
- q Guidance for Navy and Marine Corps Personnel in Hurricane Disaster Areas - <http://taskforcenavyfamily.navy.mil/Content/RecoveringFromADisaster-Final.pdf>